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Honorable J. Frederick Motz
United States District Judge
510 U.S. Courthouse
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: United States v. 3866 Ivory Road, etc.
Civil No. JFM-02-424


Dear Judge Motz:

This is a civil forfeiture case, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. section 881, seeking the forfeiture of real property located in Howard County. Notice of the pendency of the proceedings has been published in accordance with Rule C of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Proceedings.

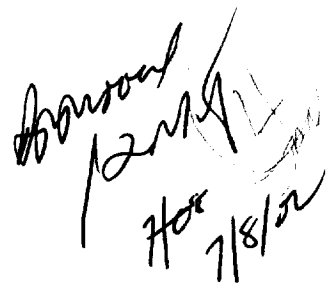
Arcangelo Tuminelli, represents the owners of the defendant property, and we have had substantive discussions about a settlement. I agreed to waive the deadlines for Mr. Tuminelli's clients to file claims and we are making significant progress towards a resolution.

With the Court's continued indulgence for the informal stay, I will provide a status report to the Court on or before September 2, 2002.

Very truly yours,
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cc: Arcangelo Tuminelli, Esq.


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